

Conclusion

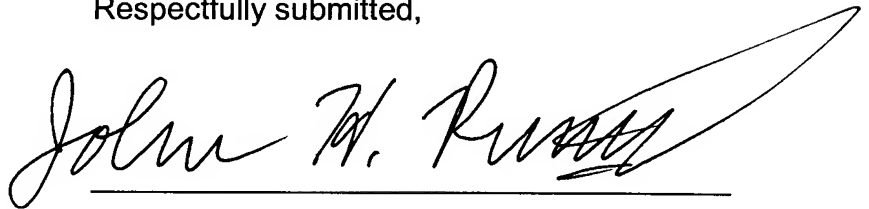
The restriction requirement should be withdrawn in its entirety, and all Claims should be examined on their merits.

In the alternative, the restriction requirement could properly be re-cast as an election of species requirement; and, if no other significant changes were made, then the election of species made by the Applicants above should also be responsive to the proposed new election of species requirement.

The Examiner is respectfully advised that if the restriction requirement should be repeated without modification, then it is the Applicants' present intention to file a formal Petition to review the propriety of the restriction requirement.

Allowance of Claims 1-23 at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John H. Runnels", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

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